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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed documents is also enclosed.

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<u>REMARKS</u>

The above-listed document were cited in an official communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding European patent application. A copy of a Search Report indicating how these references are deemed material to the European patent application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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